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1. The Zvolen Military-Civilian Airfield [4838N-1908E] [Encl. A, Pt. 2] (alternate military name, Airfield of Slovak National Uprising-Letiste Slovenskeho Narodneho Povstania; civilian alternate names, Sliac and Tri Duby), was located about seven kilometers north of Zvolen and four to five kilometers northwest of Sliac Spa [4837N-1911E] and situated directly on the west side of the highway, [Encl. A, Pt. 1] and about 700 m. from the Hron River, [Encl. A, Pt. 5] at an elevation of 450 m. above sea level. Irregular in shape, it measured 1,400-1,500 m. north-south and about 700 m. east-west. Airfield surface was grassy, level but bumpy in spots. Sandy soil afforded excellent natural drainage. Obstructions to landing approaches included hills with forests which surrounded the airfield, and power lines and fruit trees along the highway [Encl. A, Pt. 1]. There were no chimneys in the vicinity of the airfield.
2. The Zvolen Airfield was primarily military, but the CSA also used it. The director of CSA at the field was Josef KLEIN, 45 years old, anti-Communist, 170 cm. tall, who always appeared frightened. I do not know the total number of men needed to run the airfield. I recall a flying instructor named Vladimir MRAZ, 180 cm., blond hair, tall, strong build, married, anti-Communist, fighter pilot in

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Messerschmitt's and Arado's. Another instructor, also a fighter pilot who flew Messerschmitt's and Arado's, was named SARA (fnu) 180 cm. tall, strong build, who had a speech impediment and was anti-Communist. CSA personnel wore very dark blue uniforms; Air Force wore lighter blue. In February 1953, military experimental flying was done by the Advanced Pilot school with Messerschmitt's; they performed landings, take-offs, dual and solo flying. I do not know anything more about the Advanced Pilot School except that it was located somewhere on this airfield and that students first flew Arado's and later Messerschmitt's.

3. Electricity was installed in all the buildings but I do not know the source of power. I observed fuel trucks arriving on the airfield, but I do not know anything about the military fuel and oil supply. CSA seldom refuelled their aircraft here, but in case of emergency they had several 200 lit. drums stored in the hangar, Encl. A, Pt. 57. Water hydrants were located about the airfield. The airfield had no hospital, but both the CSA and the Air Force had their own ambulances. I have no information on ammunition and equipment; there were no anti-aircraft gun positions, warning devices, nor air raid shelters. The airfield had no taxi strips, perimeter tracks nor hardstands.

## ENCLOSURES:

- A. Overlay of GSGS 4416, Scale 1:100,000, Sheet W-13, Zvolen.  
B. Memory Sketch of Zvolen Airfield.

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